

I recently read an article in the Washington Post about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a danger to our democracy.

It is my understanding that Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This is why I am writing this letter. When large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for corporate interests, and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities, a balanced view, and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.